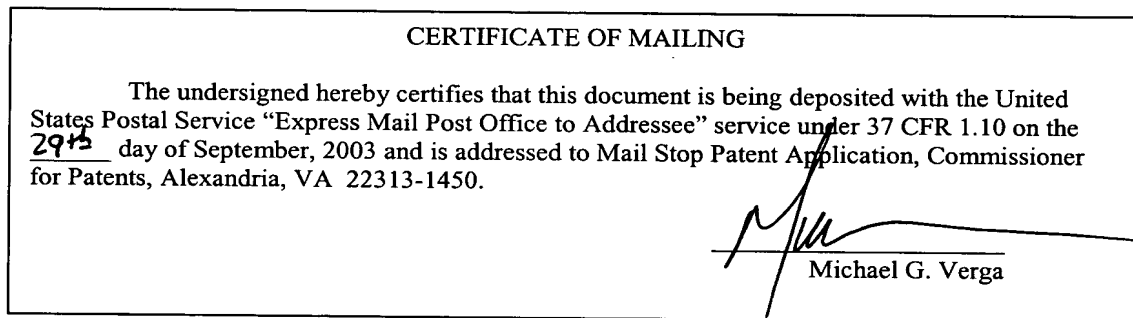


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before examining this continuation application, please enter the following Amendments.

It is not believed that extension for time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in document accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore, including fees for net addition of claims, are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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